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1. RAY PASNICK, LEADER OF LABOR EDITORS GROUP, VISITED EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 19, ON EVE OF DEPARTURE FOR HOME. SOVIET HOSTS HAD, HE SAID, BEEN CORDIAL TO GROUP, SHOWING THEM FACTORIES AND COLLECTIVE FARMS IN AND NEAR TASHKENT, VOLGOGRAD, SOCHI, LENINGRAD, AND MOSCOW. SOVIET RAISED QUESTION OF US REFUSALS OF VISAS FOR SOVIET TRADE UNION DELEGATIONS, BUT NOT IN CONTENTIOUS WAY. THEY ASSERTED THAT WHEN KISSINGER WAS HERE WITH PRESIDENT, SHELEPIN TOOK HIM ASIDE AND COMPLAINED TO HIM ABOUT STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY ON LABOR VISITS; KISSINGER REPORTEDLY SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT. PASNICK EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NOW THAT HE IS SECRETARY OF STATE, HE WILL. PASNICK SAID THAT AUGUST MEETING OF AFL-CIO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TOOK MORE MODERATE POSITION ON QUESTION, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO SUIT HIM HE SAID THAT I. W. ABLE DISAGREES WITH MEANY POLICY, ALTHOUGH HE HAS NOT SAID SO PUBLICLY.

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2. ONLY PRESS COVERAGE WE HAVE SEEN ON PASNICK GROUP WAS
SHORT ITEM IN SEPTEMBER 9 TRUD ANNOUNCING GRPU'S VISIT
TO THAT NEWSPAPER'S EDITORIAL OFFICES. TRUD HAS GIVEN
GREATER ATTENTION TO STEELWORKERS DELEGATION NOW HERE,
WITH THREE STORIES ON GROUP'S ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW AND VISITS
TO DONETSK AND LENINGRAD. STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO GROUP
ARE LIMITED TO PLEASANTRIES AND CALL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF
CONTACTS BETWEEN AMERICAN AND SOVIET TRADE UNIONS.
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